

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, Idaho has an abundant solar energy resource that can be used to provide energy in residential, commercial and industrial applications; and

WHEREAS, Idaho farms, ranches, recreational activities, government and industry can benefit from solar technologies; and

WHEREAS, solar electric and solar heating systems are mature, reliable and proven technologies already working at hundreds of sites in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is a major partner in the national Million Solar Roofs Initiative designed to enhance the use of solar systems across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Idaho launched the Idaho Solar Initiative with the goal to promote the installation of 5,000 photovoltaic and solar thermal systems by the year 2010 representing roughly five megawatts of renewable energy generation; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Solar Initiative is a continuation of Idaho's commitment to environmentally sound energy development and a coordinated partnership with a major national movement towards a sustainable energy future; and

WHEREAS, solar energy technologies will be the centerpiece of the Twin Falls Renewable Energy Fair;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim August 1 through 8, 2003, to be

SOLAR ENERGY AWARENESS WEEK

in Idaho, and I encourage all Idahoans to learn more about solar energy and how it can be incorporated into their lives and business to provide environmentally friendly, renewable source of energy to help power Idaho's future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this eleventh day of July in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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